

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

ORDER NO. 2618

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served October 9, 1984

Application of SUGGS TRANSPOR-)
TATION SERVICE, INC., for Special)
Authorization to Conduct Charter)
Operations Pursuant to Contract)
with U.S. Bureau of Mines)

Case No. CP-84-09

By application filed October 4, 1984, Suggs Transportation Service, Inc. ("Suggs" or "applicant"), seeks authority to conduct charter operations pursuant to WMATC Special Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 1 under contract with the United States Bureau of Mines transporting employees of the Bureau and persons travelling on official government business, together with mail, express and baggage, in charter operations pursuant to contract with the Bureau of Mines, between 2401 E Street, N.W., the 1800 block of C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., and the Avondale Research Center, Avondale, Md.

The contract, which is effective from October 1, 1984, through September 30, 1985, requires that a shuttle service be provided, Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays, at an hourly rate of \$22.50.

The service will be provided using two 1984 vans each having a manufacturer's designed seating capacity of 15 persons, including the driver.

Applicant is experienced in providing employee shuttle transportation. Suggs has stated that it is familiar with the Compact and the Commission's rules and regulations and will comply therewith, that applicant has not been found unfit by any regulatory agency, and that it is not under any fitness investigation.

Applicant's balance sheet, dated December 31, 1983, indicates current assests of \$326,056, plus fixed and other assets of \$240,173 and prepaid expenses of \$71,994. Current liabilities are listed at \$242,812, plus long-term and other liabilities of \$105,970. Equity and retained earnings are listed at \$307,441. Applicant projects revenues of \$37,573 from service provided under the contract with concomitant expenses of \$32,637, for an operating ratio of 86.9 percent.

A.G. Young, chief of the procurement branch of Bureau of Mines, submitted a notarized letter in support of the application stating that ridership on the service for which it has contracted with applicant is estimated at 10 to 16 passengers per day. The letter further states that applicant's qualifications have been investigated and the Bureau is satisfied that applicant is capable to perform the proposed service properly.

Inasmuch as a contract has been executed for the transportation of employees pursuant to contract with their employer between points within the Metropolitan District for a period in excess of 181 days, the application appears amenable to processing under Commission Regulation No. 70. */ Consequently, notice of this application must be published and opportunity given for the filing of protests. Protests, if any, must be written, sworn and notarized, and must contain all evidence and argument upon which the protestant would rely.


THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Suggs Transportation Service, Inc., publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District notice of this application in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission no later than Wednesday, October 10, 1984.

2. That applicant shall file an affidavit of such publication with the Commission no later than Tuesday, October 16, 1984.

3. That any person desiring to protest this application shall file a notarized protest in conformance with Commission Regulation No. 70-06 at the office of the Commission, Suite 316, 1625 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006, no later than Monday, October 21, 1984, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest on applicant, Harold Suggs, President, Suggs Transportation Service, Inc., 9015 Woodyard Road, Suite 207, Clinton, Md. 20735.

FOR THE COMMISSION:


GREGORY PAUL BARTH
Acting Executive Director

*/ See Order No. 2004, served June 20, 1979.